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The battle begins over Bay State buffer zone

SCOTUS. All eyes are on Massachusetts as the U.S. Supreme Court deliberates the constitutionality of the state's 35-foot buffer zone around reproductive health centers. **Free speech.** Pro-lifers say the law violates their First Amendment rights. **Safety concerns.** Pro-choice advocates say patients being treated for miscarriages should be protected from confrontations. PAGE 02

The incredible photograph above by Dr. Rainer Jonas shows what a healthy, active intrauterine child looks like at 19 weeks. Like the bud of a flower, beautiful. But, unfortunately, still a candidate for elective abortion.
THEY'RE FORGETTING SOMEONE
There are alternatives to abortion. There have to be.
Planned Parenthood

A pro-life advocate keeps his feet in the designated buffer zone, which is 35 feet away from the clinic's entrance. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

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"You know what freezing really is when you consider 39 degrees like summer weather #Boston"

@NicALeonard on yesterday's "warm" weather

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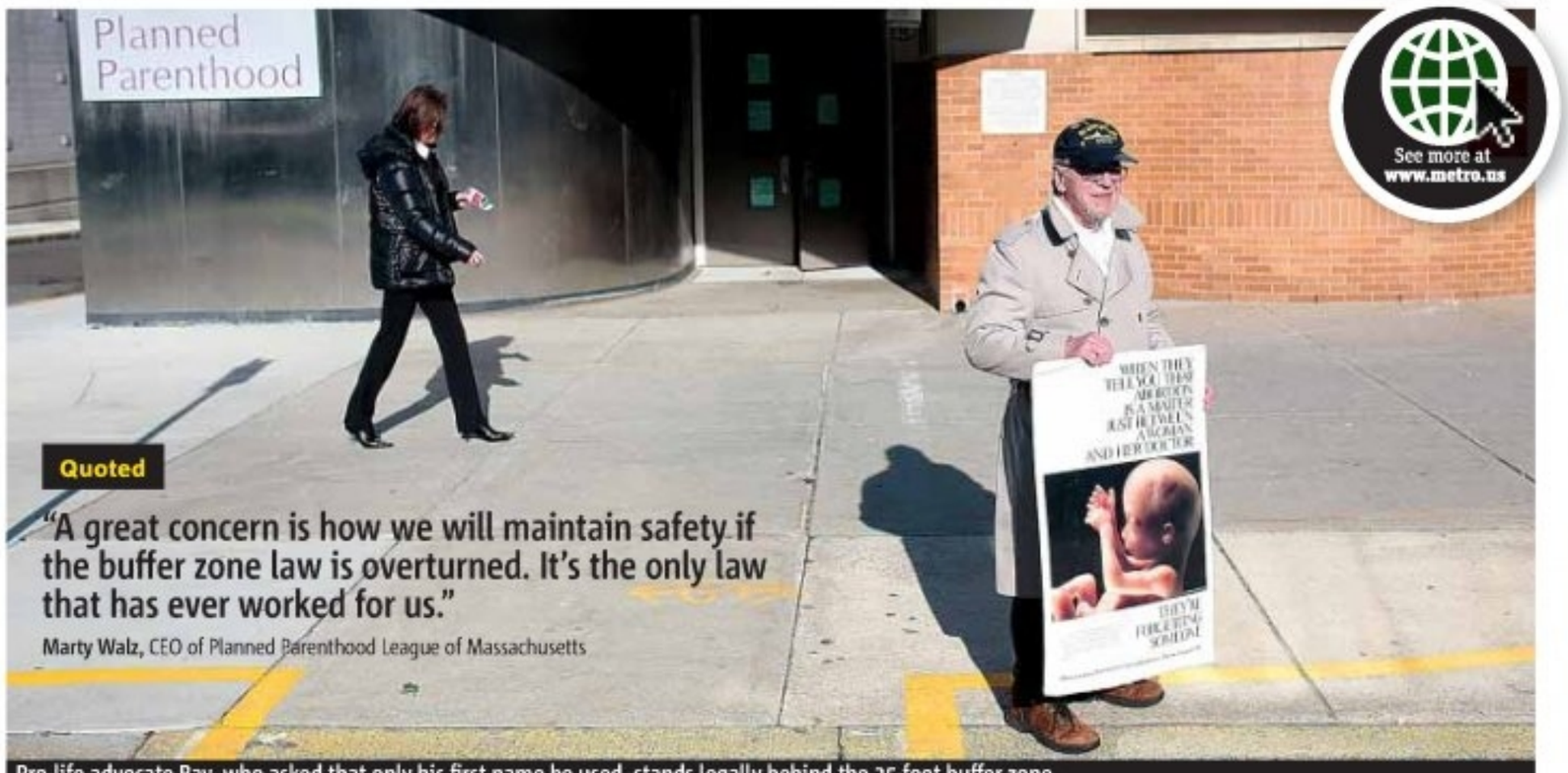
SCOTUS homes in on Mass. abortion clinic buffer zone

Abortion. Bay State reproductive health centers are bracing for a U.S. Supreme Court decision on the legality of the buffer zone law.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"A great concern is how we will maintain safety if the buffer zone law is overturned. It's the only law that has ever worked for us."
Marty Walz, CEO of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

Pro-life advocate Ray, who asked that only his first name be used, stands legally behind the 35-foot buffer zone, which is marked by a painted yellow line on the sidewalk outside a Planned Parenthood in Boston. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

As the U.S. Supreme Court mulls the constitutionality of a Massachusetts law that anti-abortionists argue inhibits their rights to free speech, local pro-choice supporters and health clinics are considering the potential impact of a reduced or eliminated buffer zone outside facilities that carry out abortions.

"We have protesters almost every day in Boston, Worcester and Springfield," said Marty Walz, CEO of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts and one of the lead sponsors of the 2007 bill that led to the establishment of the state's 35-foot protective buffer zone.

"Typically protesters respect the law and stay outside the buffer zone. That's why we believe the buffer zone works to balance the protesters' First Amendment rights and let our staff be able to access the health centers safely," said Walz.

The 2007 law replaced a 2000 law that created an 18-foot buffer zone outside health center entrances and a 6-foot floating bubble zone around patients and staff that others could not step into without consent.

Buffer zone opponents argue that the space prohibits pro-life demonstrators and "sidewalk counselors" from speaking to women about abortion alternatives.

"It's not an abortion issue, it's a First Amendment issue," said Anne Fox, president of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, the state's largest pro-life organization.

"In no way are we saying that everyone should be turned away, but everyone will agree that there are women who regret their abortions, or who don't really want them. Those women would benefit greatly from somebody [offering] more love, more help," said Fox.

"Julie," 28, a Boston clinic escort who asked for anonymity, said that while she understands the buffer zone opponents' free speech concerns, she believes the zone does more good than harm.

In her five years escorting women through the zone, Julie said she's seen several heated exchanges, including a pro-life demonstrator scratch a woman's car with a picket sign, and has witnessed women who were at the clinic for cancer tests and miscarriages brought to tears because they were confronted by demonstrators.

"There was a guy when I first started, he used to whisper in my ear describing abortions in detail," she said. "Then there are the ones who go on about how you're a Nazi sympathizer."

Regardless of the looming ruling, which isn't expected until May or June, Julie will continue to volunteer.

"I will deal with whatever happens. The problem is not for me. ... The problem will be for the patients who are already emotionally stressed and might feel intimidated."

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Buffer zone law

Earlier this month, U.S. Supreme Court justices indicated they may strike down the Massachusetts buffer zone law, which establishes a 35-foot zone outside of all reproductive health centers.

- All protests and demonstrations — regardless of point of view — are prohibited inside the zone when the facility is open.
- Patients, staff and emergency personnel may pass within the buffer zone.

Quoted

"It's not an abortion issue, it's a First Amendment issue." Fox

MBTA crash. Man who rear-ended bus identified

A man who died Sunday evening, hours after his car rear-ended an MBTA bus on North Main Street in Randolph, was identified on Monday.

The victim was identified as 24-year-old Jose Reyes of Roxbury. He drove his 2007 Infiniti into a Route 240 bus Sunday morning while the bus was stopped at a bus stop, T officials said, adding that there were no signs that Reyes attempted to apply his brakes.

Nine people on the bus suffered injuries.

Transit Police detectives are investigating what led to the crash. METRO

Re-election

Poll: Replace Markey

Recently elected Sen. Ed Markey, who faces re-election in November to a full term, may need to start campaigning.

A MassINC Polling Group survey found 43 percent think it's time to give someone else a chance. METRO

Rejected

Supreme Court denies Sal DiMasi's appeal

DiMasi / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

The U.S. Supreme Court released an order list on Monday that included the case of former House Speaker Sal DiMasi among the scores of others that it denied to take up. DiMasi, 68, was sentenced in 2011 to eight years in jail for corruption. He is being held in North Carolina. METRO

Violent crimes

Shootings leave three dead

Three people were gunned down during separate shootings on Boston streets just hours apart overnight Sunday into Monday.

The most recent shooting took place at about 2:45 a.m. Monday at 92 Rosewood St. Officers were called to the address for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, they found a man and woman suffering from gunshot wounds and in life-threatening condition.

The man and woman, who police said were in their 20s, were taken to separate hospitals where they later died.

Less than five hours earlier, police were called to a Tedeschi convenience store on Dorchester Avenue in Peabody Square. There they found a man in his 20s suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene. METRO

Federal case

Cops nab suspect in Dot postal worker attack

A second man facing federal charges for his alleged role in the shooting and robbery of a postal worker in Dorchester was arrested on Monday.

Keyon Taylor, 21, of Boston, had been wanted by police for weeks. He was arrested just after 1 a.m. Monday in the area of Blue Hill Avenue by the Boston police gang unit and U.S. Postal Service inspectors, police said.

Taylor faces charges of conspiracy, kidnapping a federal employee and assault on a federal employee.

Federal authorities last week requested the public's help in locating Taylor, who they described as armed and dangerous.

Taylor's alleged partner, Maurice Williams Miner-Gittens, 23, of Dorchester, was arrested last week. METRO

Bauman, Arredondo to attend State of the Union

Presidential invitation. Two friends brought together by the Boston Marathon bombings were invited to attend Obama's annual address.

Arredondo, left, and Bauman were honored at Fenway Park during Game 2 of the World Series in October. / GETTY IMAGES

Boston Marathon bombing survivor Jeff Bauman and his friend, hero Carlos Arredondo, will be guests of the first lady at tonight's State of the Union address in the nation's capital.

The pair will sit in the presidential box with First Lady Michelle Obama in the chamber of the House of Representatives, an area known for highlighting people and issues during the president's annual speech that are important to the administration.

As he packed for the trip Monday, Arredondo described his excitement at getting the unexpected invitation.

"Oh my goodness, I was in a state of shock, literally. Because, my God, this is something very serious. I thought, this is just amazing," Arredondo said.

Other guests in the first lady's box will include Gary Bird, the firefighter who led the rescue response during an Oklahoma tornado, and NBA player Jason Collins, who announced he was gay in Sports Illustrated.

From chaos

A friendship is formed

Bauman, 27, lost both of his legs during the April terror attack, which killed three and injured hundreds more. Following the blasts, Arredondo, 53, dashed to Bauman's side to administer first aid. An iconic photograph captured at the scene shows Arredondo, now known as the Cowboy Hat Hero, rushing Bauman away from the blast site.

The duo has formed a close friendship in the last year, and have appeared together at notable events.

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Governor: Oliver case chance to 'rethink' DCF

Missing boy. Patrick answers questions about DCF, which lost track of a boy.

Gov. Deval Patrick on Monday called the case of a 5-year-old missing Fitchburg boy a chance to "rethink and reinvigorate" the Department of Children and Families.

Jeremiah Oliver was reported missing in December, and has not been seen since.

On Monday, Patrick held a news conference to speak about Oliver's case, which has been the subject of a criminal investigation, state House hearings and independent reviews.

"I think we have a great opportunity presented, ironically, by this terrible tragedy," Patrick said. "We have a real opportunity now, because everyone is focused on it … to rethink and reinvigorate DCF. Some of that will be staffing, and some of that will be systems."

Patrick outlined some changes, which include updating DCF's technology so that workers have real-time access to reports instead of ones that were out of date.

Asked if the problem that led to Oliver's disappearance was systemic, Patrick said no, and stood by DCF Commissioner Olga Roche, who last week testified before lawmakers.

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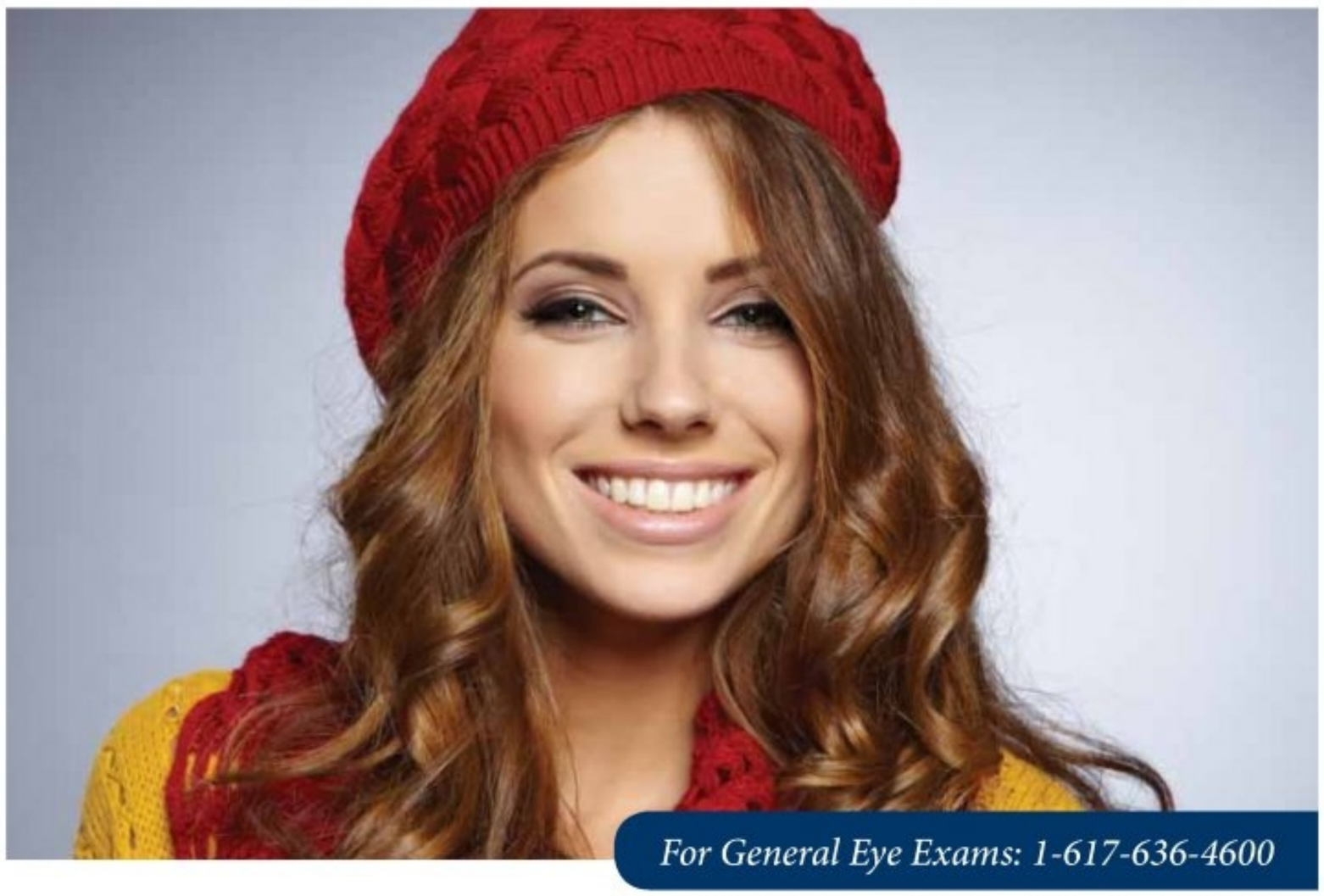
Gov. Deval Patrick speaks about the DCF crisis. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO



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Expanded gambling

Foxwoods to propose Fall River casino

Foxwoods Resort and Casino will enter the hunt for a casino license in southeastern Massachusetts, as executives from the Connecticut casino plan to hold a press conference with Fall River Mayor William Flanagan today.

The southeastern region is on a slightly different track than the east and west regions, as the Mashpee Wampanoag are waiting for federal approval to move forward with their application for a casino in Taunton. SHNS

Guilty plea

Somerville man admits to luring teen girl online

A Somerville man pleaded guilty to charges that he lied about his age in his effort to lure teens online.

Justin Koser, 31, pleaded guilty to charges of enticement of a child under 16 and attempted rape of a child, the Middlesex district attorney's office said on Monday. He was sentenced to two and a half years in jail.

Koser told a 15-year-old girl that he was a 17-year-old high school senior from Andover, sent her explicit messages and arranged to meet her. METRO

Saying goodbye to a legend

Family members follow the casket of legendary television news anchor Chet Curtis down the stairs of St. Cecilia Parish in Boston during his funeral on Monday. Curtis was a popular news anchor in Boston with WCVB and later New England Cable News for about 40 years. The 74-year-old, who battled pancreatic cancer, died last week.

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New heaters go to U.S. residents by zip code

Brand new heaters are being delivered to the first U.S. residents who call before the 48 hour order deadline ends to get the new MV.2 miracle heaters to drastically slash home heat bills

Never be cold again: If you live in one of the U.S. zip codes listed below call the special 48 hour hotlines to get the new heater that only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker to help make heat bills hit rock bottom

NATIONWIDE – The Toll Free Hotlines are ringing off the hook.

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"We all know that freezing cold weather is setting in and heat bills are going to skyrocket this winter. That's why I've given the directive to give the first U.S. residents who call in the next 48 hours a massive discount on our brand new MV.2 miracle heaters," said David Martin, General Manager of U.S. based Heat Surge.

Heat Surge's latest heating miracle is being called the MV.2 Efficiency because its micro design easily goes from room to room to help you save a ton on heat bills.

Demand for Heat Surge heaters has skyrocketed to stardom ever since consumer reviews surfaced showing just how much money ultra-efficient zone heat saves people on heat bills which is why this announcement is being so widely advertised.

According to the avalanche of consumer reviews for the original Heat Surge heaters, people absolutely swear by them, repeatedly saying, "it saves money," "looks beautiful," and "keeps you warm and cozy." That's why U.S. residents will be scrambling to get them starting at precisely 8:30am this morning.

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In fact, it gives you 74° of bone-soothing room heat even when the home thermostat is turned down to 59°. That means you can zone heat and never be cold again. And since it only uses about the same energy per hour as a coffee maker you'll save a ton on your heat bills, too.

And here's the best part. A 2-Day Double Coupon has been reprinted in today's publication for readers to use.

By using this coupon, everyone who calls is being rewarded with $100 off. That makes this a remarkable new heater a real steal at just $149. Since this is a Double Coupon Deal, it not only gives you a massive discount, but also entitles you to Free shipping and Free handling.

"We're bracing ourselves for all the calls because everyone who wants to really save on their heat bills and stay warm this winter will be calling immediately to make sure they get their new heater at a massive discount," said Martin.

"To make sure everyone gets their new Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heater before the harsh winter weather hits, UPS® drivers have been instructed to make home deliveries anywhere in the United States," Martin said.

"Just remember, to get your new heater you must find the first two digits of your zip code listed in today's publication and be one of the first U.S. readers to call the Toll Free Hotline at 1-800-789-3172 before the 48-hour deadline ends," he said. ■

■ **ON THEIR WAY:** New Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heaters will soon be delivered to lucky U.S. residents who beat the 48-hour order deadline and live in one of the zip code areas listed in today's publication. Everyone's getting the upstairs-downstairs efficiency combo of two Heat Surge MV.2 miracle heaters because they only use pennies an hour of electricity to drastically slash home heat bills.

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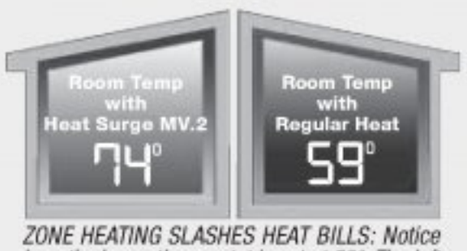

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New media

Obama expands State of Union on social media

President Barack Obama is deploying just about every trendy social media tool to promote a century-old ritual — the annual State of the Union address to Congress.

From a kickoff Web video by his chief of staff to a presidential "virtual road trip," the White House is mounting its largest digital drive of the year to heighten the impact of tonight's event amid a declining television audience.

Though the 33.5 million viewers Obama drew last year is half the number Bill Clinton had 20 years earlier, the address remains a major TV event, topping both the Emmy Awards and World Series in viewership. Yet with his job-approval rating down 10 points from last year, Obama will also need the new media to engage his party's base, whose enthusiasm is vital if Democrats are to keep control of the Senate in the 2014 election.

"There are a lot of reasons to dismiss the State of the Union," said Jon Favreau, Obama's former chief speechwriter. "But aside from championship sporting events and a few awards shows, it is the one annual event that much of the country watches together."

"The Internet loves moments," said Nicco Mele, a lecturer at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and former webmaster for Democrat Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign. "What is powerful about the State of the Union for the White House is it is a moment that they create and control." BLOOMBERG

Quoted

"What is powerful about the State of the Union for the White House is it is a moment that they create and control." Mele

GETTY IMAGES

Brutally cold weather shuts schools, delays air travel

Bitter cold and high winds surging down from the Arctic pushed wind chills to dangerous levels across the upper Midwest. Officials closed schools in Chicago, Cincinnati and the Cleveland area on Monday due to the biting cold. About 800 flights were canceled within, into and out of the United States on Monday, according to FlightAware.com. REUTERS

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The best, new friendship ever?

Can someone please make a reality TV show out of the friendship of Meryl Streep and 50 Cent? The two were all smiles at the Los Angeles Lakers vs. New York Knicks game at Madison Square Garden on Sunday night in New York City.

Prince sues his fans

Whatever you do, don't share any Prince bootlegs. /GETTY IMAGES

Prince, say it ain't so?

The Purple One is apparently going after some of his fans for posting recordings of some live performances online.

According to Radar Online, the singer is suing two California individuals for infringing on his copyright by sharing bootlegs, and he's seeking $1 million in damages from each of them.

"The Defendants rely on either Google's Blogger platform or Facebook, or both, to accomplish their unlawful activity," the suit claims, adding that the fans "typically publish posts that list all the songs performed at a certain Prince live show and then provide a link to a file-sharing service where unauthorized copies of the performance can be downloaded." Prince's lawyers say they have found more than 360 such links.

The Grammys' In Memoriam misspelled Cory Monteith's name

The Grammy Awards would like everyone to know how very, very sorry they are about the death of what's-his-name.

"Glee" star Cory Monteith, who died last summer, was included in the Grammys' "In Memoriam" montage of musicians lost in the past year. However, the slideshow spelled his name "Cory Montieth."

Listen, Grammys, I know you're a drunken, long-winded stripper of an awards show, but if you're only going to spell check one thing — one thing — it should probably be the names of dead people. Maybe next year, have one fewer fake blood cannon and put that part of the budget toward a proofreader.

"Glee" isn't the only one with a grievance against last night's Grammys: Trent Reznor is none to happy with them, either.

Cory Monteith? Cory Montieth? Eh, whatever. / TWITTER

Reznor's band Nine Inch Nails gave the awards show's closing performance, along with Queens of the Stone Age, Dave Grohl and Fleetwood Mac's Lindsey Buckingham. Unfortunately, by the end of a four-hour ceremony, not even all that star power could induce people to wait around and listen — the Grammys began to roll the credits during the performance.

Reznor didn't take it lying down. "A heartfelt F— YOU guys," he tweeted. MELINDA TAUB

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Explore post-apocalyptic New York in 'Shovel Ready'

Adam Sternbergh is already working on the sequel to "Shovel Ready." / MARVIN ORELLANA

Books. Author Adam Sternbergh envisions two threats looming over the future of New York City.

What would it take for New York to return to the gritty, dangerous city it was pre-Michael Bloomberg? In a time when the city is only getting cleaner and more expensive, author Adam Sternbergh writes about a lawless, treacherous New York in his novel, "Shovel Ready." The book is set in the near future after a bomb hits Times Square. Those who can leave do, abandoning others with no options who must forge a new life in a deteriorating city. At the heart of the book is a former trash collector who becomes a hitman.

If you think this sounds like it would make a good movie, you aren't alone. The book has already been optioned by Warner Brothers and Denzel Washington has signed on, potentially to play the lead.

"I tried to convey the idea of what one character calls this 'incremental apocalypse,'" says Sternbergh, the culture editor at the New York Times Magazine. "The apocalypse stuff we see in movies and books is usually very dramatic, with aliens blowing up the Empire State Building or zombies overrunning the city."

Sternbergh says he was more interested in the idea of a change taking place slowly, similarly to what happened in many major U.S. cities during the '60s and '70s. He cites Detroit as a modern-day example. "It's not as dramatic as the terrorist element in the book, but Detroit is completely unrecognizable now [compared to what] it was 50 years ago," he says.

"Shovel Ready" also explores our relationship with technology. Wealthy city residents who choose not to leave cocoon themselves in a virtual reality, where all their fantasies can become real. "There was something very familiar about the idea of getting lost in real life and the way in which having that technological outlet can sometimes cause us to ignore what's happening around us," Sternbergh explains.

As someone who has been living in and reporting on New York City for the last 10 years, Sternbergh says he certainly doesn't hope the city will descend into what is portrayed in the book — but he hopes it doesn't go too far in the other direction either.

Sternbergh fears that in a decade, New York City will feel museum-like, as he says Paris does. "You have to imagine in 10 years the city is going to be very different than it is now, and I hope we'll still be here to enjoy it. And that the Second Avenue subway will be open."

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GETTY IMAGES

A Great Big breakthrough

Singing with superstars and performing with supermodels are just two of many mind-blowing hookups Ian Axel and Chad Vaccarino experienced last year. The piano pop duo, known as A Great Big World, performed on "The Voice," at the American Music Awards and at Victoria Secret's famed lingerie show. However, it was a phone call from Christina Aguilera, asking if she could sing on their song "Say Something," that got the ball rolling.

"When we got the call, it was disbelief that went into a panic attack," Axel says. "I knew what this meant; I knew our lives were changed forever."

A Great Big World play a sold-out show tonight at The Sinclair, 52 Church St., Cambridge. Visit www.ticketmaster.com for more information. LINDA LABAN

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Warmth. Too cold in the Northeast? Let Breezes Bahamas warm you up.

Breezes Bahamas, located in Nassau, is one of the precious few all-inclusive resorts on all of the country's islands. / BREEZES

The bitter cold reality of life in the Northeast early in the year dares you to flock elsewhere. So it's not surprising that the peak season for the Bahamas lies in the bleak midwinter. The glut of tourists from the U.S., who can fly there from many airports, has made for a curious culture. On one hand, those who live there maintain the Arawak lifestyle that links them with South America. On the other, they've made room for things American. Indeed, the Bahamian Independence Day is only a few days after the American equivalent. Because tourism is so prevalent, they celebrate both, one right after the other.

The Bahamas teem with fancy hot spots, especially in Nassau, the capital city. It is here that James Bond has returned again and again, including in his maiden voyage, "Dr. No." Breezes Bahamas was the first of what are still only three all-inclusive resorts on the islands, and it remains one of the best deals. This isn't a sleek castle that protects one from everything but the weather and beaches — it's a getaway that tries to keep you close to the islands' life. At Breezes, there are the expected expansive pools, beachfront hang spots and an ever-flowing parade of cocktails whose names you'll quickly forget. But there's also Kalik, the Bahamas' most cherished local beer — a light, sweet brew named for the sound produced by two smacked coconuts.

On site there are myriad activities, including lessons on how to kayak, sail and even (yikes) rock climb. One can relax or get a hot stone massage, and realize — as your body tenses up and rebels against you — the extent of how wound-up your life has made you. Each night features its own special show in the main hall: some tailored for visitors, with bands performing covers of Top 40 staples, plus nights where they play strictly Bahamian music while decked in the kinds of gear you'd see at Junkanoo, a holiday street parade.

Yum

Conch salad is one of the great Bahamian delicacies. / PROVIDED

Eat: Conch salad

The mix of local and American also is reflected in the food. The two restaurants at Breezes and the all-day buffet offer "continental" food while slipping in Bahamian delicacies and twists on American standards. But you'll have to go off-site to take in the country's most cherished foodstuff: conch salad, a refreshing mix of onions, tomatoes and the tangy white meat pulled from shells. A bowl of the stuff will run you $10. We recommend the ones from Twin Brothers.

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What to see

Straw Market

One of the biggest draws in Nassau is the Straw Market, the legendary, cavernous home to local goods from straw hats to art, some repurposed from aluminum cans. Rum can be purchased here, but see if you can make it off the beaten path to John Watling's Distillery. They make craft rum, including one closer to a nursable cognac.

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Fashion. Get this understated but cool winter look with the following five staples.

For days when we just don't want to stand out, black has a way of shrouding us like a comforting winter blanket, while delivering a look that has enviable levels of style kudos.

Take the outfit that Grace Sickles, spotted in NYC's Meatpacking District, wears here. She's sporting leather pants — an idea that can seem intimidating — with the ease of a pair of boyfriend jeans. That's all due to her styling: those comfy biker boots, the oversized coat, the furry scarf and fuzzy bobble hat. The overall effect is polished and slick, yet practical and accessible.

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Men's grooming

Need a V-Day idea for your guy?

We've been fans of heritage beauty brand Santa Maria Novella for quite some time, so we're thrilled to learn that the Florence-based company is branching out with an exclusive 14-piece "Resorting Line" for fashion-savvy men's boutique MrPorter.com.

Founded in 1221 by monks — their herbal remedies were so good that the monastery eventually became one of the first pharmacies — the brand has evolved to meet the needs of modern times.

We love the current updated prestige packaging and the fact that the artisanal methods and age-old recipes remain. Get some of the aloe cream or papaya gel for your boy this Valentine's Day. Trust us, these are some grooming products he won't fight you on. TINA CHADHA

Horoscope

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.
Investment opportunities will be dubious and unlikely to yield results. Be scrupulous about whom to trust with your hard-earned cash.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
It may be a challenge to relate to your partner right now. Listen carefully to his or her concerns, but avoid voicing your opinions. You can't win today, so keep it to yourself.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.
Investing in property will be your best bet. Make the effort to examine your options carefully. Consider joint ventures. Women in your life may present you with opportunities.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Romantic opportunities can develop while traveling for business or attending a talk. You can complete contracts or formulate new agreements.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.
You can improve your financial situation through carefully considered investments or handling other people's money. Secret goings-on may lead you down an undignified path.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.
You may see a return on past investments now. You will cherish the company of children if you choose to engage with them intelligently. Self-improvement will have a beneficial outcome.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
You will be most efficient if you can work from home today. Catch up on any housework or other chores you have been avoiding lately.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
You must take full advantage of any opportunity to travel. Keep your personal life to yourself for the time being. Correspondence is unlikely to reach you on time today.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
You will likely feel extravagant. Your lover may end up costing you today. Avoid lending money or possessions to female friends.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
You should make time to discuss the future with your partner. Short trips or outings will help to ease your communication. You may overreact to personal issues today.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.
Being evasive or avoidant will backfire on you today. Now is the time to come clean and hope for the best. If you are imprecise in your communication, you will be misinterpreted.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.
Someone may try to undermine you today. Be clear and direct when talking to superiors or colleagues. Don't leave any room for misunderstandings.

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Letters

You're not special, Biebs

Re: 'Bigger they are...' (Metro, Jan. 27) Letter writer Thomas Robertson is missing the point. The average person doesn't take pleasure in the failings of others. It is when the privileged ones who think the rules don't apply to them fail that we rejoice. If it had not been someone famous drag racing and having his friends block off streets, they would all be arrested without question, so why is it being questioned that Justin Bieber was arrested? And as for Gov. Christie, as you say, he got CAUGHT. Poor baby needs to cover his tracks better. A young, out-of-control rich child is finally going to have to come clean — and so will Bieber.

BRIAN GRAU, VIA EMAIL

Online

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You're not made of metal, madam

Re: 'A life worth giving' (Metro, Jan. 23) Letter writer Jeff Estano advocates for the civil rights of "the smallest of our citizens," namely the unborn. He seems to believe that U.S. citizens have a right to live and grow inside another person's body and feed off that person's blood, WITHOUT that person's consent. Mr. Estano, women are not machines. They are not incubators. A woman has a constitutional right to decide against carrying a pregnancy to term, if she is not willing to do so. It's her body, not yours, and you cannot force her. If it were you body, and you were being forced to host another "citizen" against your will, you might think differently.

PASQUALE G. TATO, VIA EMAIL

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15 Not working
16 Whey-faced
17 Ernest or Julio
18 Of a Stone Age period
20 Spouted rhetoric
22 Fractional part
23 Trucker's need (2 wds.)
26 Kitchen item
27 Wearing a cowl
28 Emphasize (2 wds.)
33 Gantry of fiction
34 Metamorphic rock
35 Monk's title
36 Use a Kindle
37 Dally with
38 Shellfish
39 Coffee brewer
40 Disconnected
41 Alan Ladd film
42 Reservations
44 Social standing
45 Picnic intruder
46 Earliest
47 Burning
50 Earl Grey's place
52 Gad (2 wds.)
54 Defame
58 Most desirable
59 Novelist — Seton
60 Dormant
61 Shampoo additive
62 Hero's deed
63 Spurred on

Down
1 Auto-sticker info
2 Baseball stat
3 Util. bill
4 Added ammo
5 Not in stock (2 wds.)
6 Bean or horse
7 — fixe
8 Tramp along
9 Electric fish
10 Choosing
11 Actress Madeline —
12 Perched
13 "Ugh!"
19 Foolish, plus
21 Relief
23 Little angel
24 Short jacket
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29 Red inside
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37 Basin in a church
38 Mantra recitation
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44 Peace offering
46 Mubarak predecessor
47 "Waterloo" singing group
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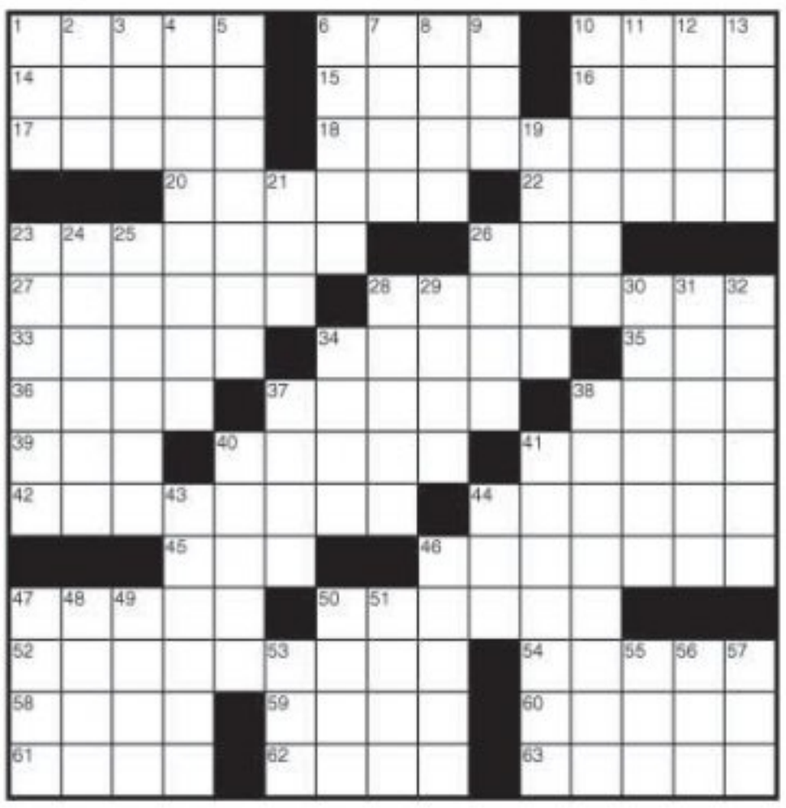

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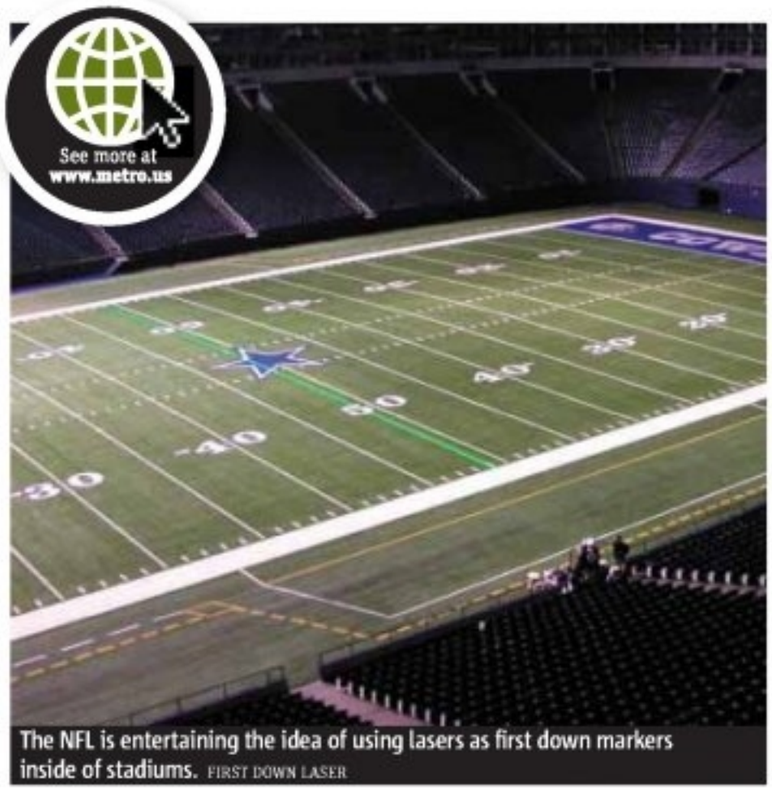
NFL could look to lasers to increase its attendance



The NFL is entertaining the idea of using lasers as first down markers inside of stadiums. FIRST DOWN LASER

NFL. The standard first down marker could soon be a thing of the past if First Down Laser gets its way.

Year after year, the NFL rakes in billions. It is the most successful sports league in North America by leaps, bounds and 100 yards — and it continues to grow.

Still, there are plenty of areas in which the league needs to improve.

The NFL's safety issue, in which the concussion crisis is at the forefront, continues to loom as a major roadblock for sustained success.

Second among the league's top issues may be a threat posed by the very thing that made the league so popular in the first place — television.

The advantages of staying at home to watch football these days typically far outweigh the benefits of the in-stadium experience.

"The NFL told us that their biggest competition is the couch and the beer in the fridge. They're really fighting with that," said Alan Amron, founder and chairman of First Down Laser.

"They won't admit it outright, but people aren't going to the stadium like they used to."

The Bengals, Colts and Packers barely sold out playoff games earlier this month, and Amron believes that part of what is keeping fans at home is poor sightlines at the stadium.

Fans at home get the benefit of changing camera angles and the all-important "yellow line" that shows where the first down marker is. Depending on where a fan is sitting in the stadium, identifying a first down marker can become a twisting and annoying chore.

Amron and his former partner in this endeavor, late football broadcaster Pat Summerall, pitched the idea of a laser as a first down marker to members of the league office and the competition committee eight years ago.

The idea is that a four-inch wide laser, projected from sideline to sideline, would give everyone in the stadium — players, coaches and referees included — a much better idea of what is and what is not a first down.

"Pat and I got great, positive feedback from the league," Amron said. "Pat really wanted to see the game evolve. He had a passion for the game. Anything to make things more accurate on the field he was in favor of."

According to Amron, the NFL wants to see the laser implemented in another league or at a lower level first before it makes a full push toward using it.

"The Canadian Football League called us, and we've been in dialogue with them," Amron said.

"We tentatively have a presentation to make to them in March in Toronto and for us to bring our equipment there to demonstrate it for their executives. There is a possibility that it could be allowed to be used for their season opener in July."

With the Super Bowl outdoors in New Jersey this weekend, the fan inside the stadium will once again get the short end of the visual stick. It remains to be seen if the NFL is ready for this particular overhaul.

"[Cowboys owner] Jerry Jones put this gigantic TV screen in his stadium and one of the reasons he did it, I was told, was so people in the stadium could see the yellow line," Amron said. "How ridiculous is that?"

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Flip the switch

Under Amron's proposal, the NFL could turn the laser on and off periodically throughout the game.

- **Safety first:** The lasers would need to be regulated the same way laser lights at Disney shows are.
- **Pushing ahead:** First Down Laser first met with NFL officials eight years ago and again last May. They are scheduled to meet with Canadian Football League officials this spring.

Quoted

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Remy to resume broadcast career with Sox in 2014

Red Sox color analyst Jerry Remy will return to the NESN booth in 2014 after not broadcasting a Sox game from mid-August through the end of the 2013 season.

Remy has not appeared on NESN since his son, Jared, allegedly murdered his 27-year-old girlfriend Jennifer Martel.

"I'm sure there will be people out there who will be very upset with me, and I'm sure there will be people that are happy I'm coming back," Jerry Remy told reporters Monday. METRO

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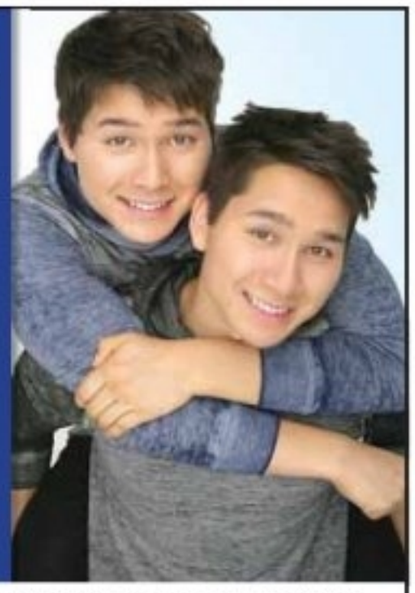

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